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Testimony for Senate Bill 69, S.D. 1
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hearing: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 3:00pm, Room 224

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL NO. 69, S.D. 1, RELATING TO FIREARMS

Dear Chair Espero and Committee Members:

The Kauai Police Department is in **support** of Senate Bill No. 69, S.D. 1, Relating to Firearms.

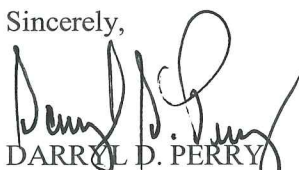
As stated, gun violence continues to be a challenge nation-wide and here in Hawaii.

The proposed registration requirement is consistent with current laws and closes a loophole that would otherwise allow unqualified applicants to be in possession of a firearm. Further, firearms education and the gun buy-back program will assist law enforcement in safety awareness while reducing the number of unwanted guns within our communities through forfeiture incentives.

The Kauai Police Department strongly supports the passage of this bill as it focuses on officer and public safety while maintaining individual's Rights to "keep and bear Arms" as articulated in the 2nd Amendment of United States Bill of Rights.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


DARRYL D. PERRY
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